

## **8100 PROCEDURE 503**

### **Inappropriate use of Radio Frequencies**

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[\(See Policy 8022 - Interference Radio System\)](#)

[\(See Policy 8024 – CDF Radio Net Descriptions\)](#)

[\(See Policy 8026 – CDF VHF Frequency Assignment Plan\)](#)

### **Responsibilities and Action**

#### **Any CC**

1. Monitor those frequencies normally used for ECC activities.
2. If unauthorized or inappropriate use is discovered, initiate immediate corrective action.
  - a) Unauthorized use:
    - i) Interference due to other user off-frequency equipment.
    - ii) Interference due to deliberate transmission on a radio frequency without prior permission.
  - b) Inappropriate use:
    - i) Improper prioritization of radio traffic.
      - (1) Proper traffic priorities are as follows:
        - Serious injury and life hazard.
        - Initial report of a new emergency.
        - Initial response.
    - iii) Improper net or frequency selection.
    - iv) Improper mobile relay selection.
    - v) Unnecessary traffic, i.e., not essential to conduct of departmental business.

## **Any CC**

### **1. Corrective action**

- a) If monitoring CC has administrative control of either the person or the radio frequency upon which the inappropriate or unauthorized use and/or interference is occurring, the command center shall advise the party to stop transmitting, or in the case of equipment failure, notify the appropriate radio technician.
- b) If the monitoring CC has neither administrative control of the person nor the frequency upon which the inappropriate or unauthorized use and/or interference is occurring, the command center shall record the date, time, identity (if known), and nature of the occurrence and forward the information to the CAL FIRE Telecom Manager. See HB8022 for reporting procedures

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